Alternatives to counter guarantee offer to foreign power companies

3458. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change the original offer of counter guarantee to foreign power components.

(b) if so, whether the alternative conditions have found acceptance; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) The Government of India has decided not to extend the Government of India counter guarantee beyond the eight initial projects cleared from the foreign investment angle.

(b) and (c) The following options are being considered as alternatives to counter guarantee:

(i) Direct supply of power by Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to High Tension consumers.

(ii) Opening of n Escrow account in which identified payments by consumers are credited and the payment liability to the IPP is a first charge on this account.

(iii) Escrow with Financial Institution counter guarantee.

(iv) The blended counter guarantee.

(v) PPA with Powergrid Corporation.

(vi) Linking power generation with Distribution.

(vii) Escrow arrangement with central devolution also committed to such an account, backed up by State Government guarantee.

(viii) World Bank guarantee.

Power products by multinational companies

3459. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA:

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether multinationals have applied for power projects to be set up in India; if so, the names of the companies and their quotations including per unit cost of power generated, as on date;

(b) whether Government have decided the final list of companies to commence their work in India; and

(c) if so, what is the expected gain therefrom for power starving States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) The response to private power policy has been encouraging and as-on-date, expressions of interest has been shown by various private investors, including multinationals, for setting up 190 projects (including projects under bidding) for a capacity addition of 75259.50 MW. The State-wise details of the projects are given in Annexure. (*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 65). The per unit cost of power generated could be finalised only upon the projects achieving financial closure. So far Dabhol power project in Maharashtra has achieved financial closure and the per unit cost indicated is Rs. 240 in 1977.

(c) Execution of power projects in private sector in various States is expected to help mitigate the power shortage in verious States.

Power requirement and generation

3460. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total output and total requirement of power generation in India at present;